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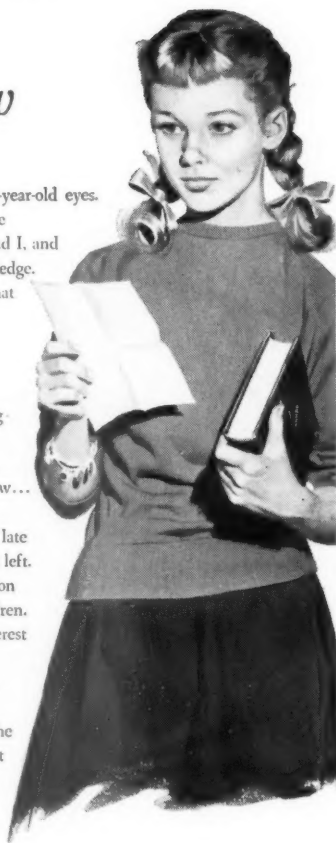
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FROM YOUR
Executive Secretary

MARY HELEN MAHAR

The 1956 Midwinter meeting was concerned greatly with the report of the ALA Council Steering Committee for the Implementation of the Management Survey. A presentation of the discussions at Midwinter of the relation of the report of the Committee to AASL by our President, Mrs. MacBean, is included in this issue. In spite of the great amount of time given at our Board and Business meetings to the Steering Committee's report, we were able to cover important AASL matters, and the summary reports of our Board, Business, and State Assembly meetings appear also in this issue. We hope you will read these reports with interest. We were very proud of the reports by our committee chairmen, which showed so much active and constructive work, and Mrs. MacBean was an able chairman of the presentation of their reports at our Business Meeting.

During January, I attended two meetings in New York—the terminal meeting of the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools, and the meeting of the AASL Standards Committee. At the meeting of the Commission, a new organization was announced: The National Citizens Council for Better Schools. Its offices are at 9 East 40th Street, and the Council will continue the work of the Commission in stimulating the interest of our citizens in school problems and development. The newspaper *Better Schools* will be continued if enough requests are received. We hope that school librarians will work more and more with community groups on school problems and li-

brary development, and use the publications of the National Citizens Council as aids. Work on our Standards is progressing; the Committee made excellent suggestions for the content of the new statement of Standards. Dr. Hennie's and Miss Ersted's report appear in summary in this issue.

As I write this column, I am preparing to spend a week in Maryland, at the invitation of Miss Mae Graham, Supervisor of School and Children's Librarians, to work with school librarians over the state. AASL is having a consultants booth at the meeting of the National Association of Secondary School Principals meeting in Chicago, February 25-29, and I will spend as much time as possible there. Dr. Miriam Peterson and her staff from the Board of Education, Chicago Public Schools, are serving as consultants. In March, I will attend the ASCD meeting in New York, and then go to Raleigh, North Carolina, for the meeting of the Department of Librarians of the North Carolina Teachers Association. Also in March, I will speak at a luncheon at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and in April to the school librarians in Wisconsin, at Fond Du Lac.

Mrs. MacBean, and Dr. Batchelor, our Vice-President, as well as other AASL members, attended and participated in the program and consulting service at the AASA meeting in Atlantic City. We are grateful to Miss Helen Sattley and Miss Christine Gilbert, for planning our program at the

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

MRS. DILLA W. MacBEAN

Again ALA is re-organizing! Those of you who attended the Midwinter Meeting in 1955 were aware of this consideration when an interim report was made by Mr. States Mead, the representative of the firm Cresap, McCormick and Paget, Management Consultants, at an open meeting of the ALA Council. Those who attended the Philadelphia ALA annual conference heard the final report of this firm as presented at Council on July 5th. Those who could not attend read in the September issue of the ALA Bulletin of the action taken by the several divisions in accepting this report in principle and the unanimous acceptance of the management Survey by the Council. At the third session of the Council on Friday, July 8, President Mumford appointed the Steering Committee on the Implementation of the Survey Recommendations. This nine member committee met several times before Midwinter Meeting, 1956 and within two weeks previous to this conference, January 30 to February 4, a preliminary report with recommendations for the implementation of the Survey were distributed to the "official family" of ALA.

In recent years Midwinter Meetings have been devoted entirely to business of ALA and its component parts. This procedure was followed in 1956, and included the report of the Steering Committee. This report, its meaning, its implications as to ALA, the Divisions, Boards, Round Tables and Committees received precedence to all other business. This certainly was true at all the meetings of AASL.

Your officers along with those of other divisions were invited to meet with the Steering Committee on Monday morning to hear the first explanation and to ask questions for interpretation. That afternoon Miss Ridgway and Miss LeFevre, members

of the committee, with Mr. Mead of the consultant firm, met with the AASL executive board at its first meeting. Also present were members of the AASL special committee for the Implementation of the Management Survey, appointed during the fall. Practically the entire afternoon was given over to questioning and later to discussion of various points.

That evening ALA held an open meeting for all attending Midwinter for discussion and clarification of the report.

Your Executive Board met again on Wednesday morning with the AASL members of the ALA Council so that the Steering Committee Report might be discussed further and the implications for AASL be brought to their consideration. At the open business meeting held Thursday afternoon, Elizabeth Williams, chairman of the AASL special committee for the Implementation of the Management Survey gave a full report and brought to the attention of our membership the work of the Steering Committee. Miss LeFevre joined us during this report and remained to answer questions from the floor. Following are some of the questions raised.

Question: What type of governing bodies will be established for the six so called "associations" and seven "Councils"?

Answer: The decision will be made by each organization.

Question: Can Budget allotments be approximated in terms of present budgets?

Answer: Basic allotments proportional to number of members in each "association" and "council," *exclusive of staff and program costs*. Additional allocations on the basis of need as determined by the Executive Committee of the General Assembly upon recommendations of the advisory committee on Program and Budget Eval-

uation. (Note: This does not refer to annual conference programs but to long range planning and work of the organization.)

Question: Why should there be need of subdivision by type of library in the "Councils" recommended such as Children's Services and Young Peoples Services?

Answer: Specifically answered at the ALA Council Thursday evening by President of DLCP, namely: The need to carry on the name of Children's Library Association as historically and traditionally recognized. The same presentation was made for the Association of Young Peoples Librarians.

Question: Where do projects of work originate?

Answer: In either "associations" or "councils" or both.

Question: From the point of view of AASL where the policy has been established there should not be subdivision of elementary and secondary school library services so as to correspond with the national educational trend of considering services kindergarten through grade 12, why should ALA establish two "councils" to separate such services.

Answer: Same as above.

Question: What is to happen to the Audio-Visual Round Table?

Answer: This will be presented at the Council Meeting this evening.

Following these questions your president asked for a motion from the floor for action concerning the Steering Committee Report. As no motion was made reports of committees and business on the agenda were resumed.

On Thursday evening the Steering Committee presented its recommendations to Council. At that time, Miss Nancy Jane Day, as an AASL Councillor made the following statement in content.

"You will remember that the American Association of School Librarians, at the Council meeting in

Philadelphia, approved in principle the recommendations of the Management Survey, but believed that action should be delayed until the membership had an opportunity to study the report. We are now concerned that the report of the Steering Committee may be approved before the membership has been given the opportunity to study it. Like ACRL, we are concerned over the fact that the Councils may be divided by type of library, since the Councils were planned to bring us together to work on our common problems. We are also disturbed that there are two Councils—one for children and one for young people, when we work often with children of all ages. (This statement represents the concerns of the AASL Board of Directors and Councillors in relation to the report of the Steering Committee.)

Following statements of approval by many divisions and individuals, as well as questions from the floor, the report of the Steering Committee was unanimously adopted by Council.

Perhaps one of the greatest concerns for school librarians is the fact that most members of AASL are so called "generalists." We are involved in all facets of library work as we serve our individual schools but in direct relation to the institution we serve. Several times during the discussion the chairman of the Steering Committee made it clear that the recommendations were made in view of the Specialist rather than the Generalist.

It was indeed unfortunate that the AASL member on the Steering Committee was unable to attend the Midwinter Meeting. We missed her counsel, the information and interpretation she might have brought us. We do appreciate the time and help afforded by Miss Ridgeway and Miss LeFevre.

GREATER MIAMI AREA BECKONS AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS TO A. L. A. CONFERENCE

EVALENE K. ANGUS and MARION D. BLEIER

Do the words "banyan," "bougainvillea," "royal poinciana," and "jasmine" conjure up in your mind's eye visions of a far-away paradise? All these—and more—exotic sights await librarians attending the American Library Association Conference in Miami Beach, June 17-23.

Headquarters will be the fabulous Fountainbleau Hotel on the ocean front. Other hotels nearby are listed in the November, 1955, issue of the ALA Bulletin. Reservations, following the registration form given in the same issue, are to be sent as soon as possible to

American Library Association
Housing Bureau
P. O. Box 1511
Miami Beach, Florida

The local AASL committees, under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. Betty Lunnon, coordinator of libraries for the Dade County public schools, and

Mrs. Lois Pilson, librarian at Miami Shores Elementary School, are planning a program that will be particularly interesting to school librarians.

A Sunday evening cruise on Biscayne Bay and supper aboard the boat will be the first event. Some well-known authors of children's books who make Florida their full- or part-time home will be invited.

The State Assembly breakfast on Thursday morning will have a typically Florida theme.

It appears likely that a Hospitality Center will be set up either in the headquarters hotel or in one readily accessible to all. It will provide a pleasant spot for meeting friends, a quick chat, or information on local schools and their libraries.

It is planned to offer a choice of two tours. Each tour will visit three or four local public school libraries.

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MIAMI BEACH CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Co-Chairman: Mrs. Betty Sheehan Lunnon, Mrs. Lois McAllister Pilson.

Dream Boat Cruise: Mrs. Dorothy Heald, Chairman. Miss Mary Holgate, Mrs. Nelle Huson, Miss June Inman, Mrs. Louise King, Mrs. Marne Martin, Mrs. Edna Reneau, Miss Eleanor Wilkinson, Mrs. Doris Wright.

State Assembly Breakfast: Mrs. Marie Lapp, Chairman. Mrs. Mary Long, Mrs. Lucile Moore, Miss Dora Steiner, Mrs. Elizabeth Strickland, Miss Phebe Sudlow.

Hospitality Center: Miss Dorothy Darrow, Chairman. Mrs. Augusta Durrance, Miss Melzie Elliott, Mrs. Eva D. Fisher, Miss Bess Price, Mrs. Marion Schlosser, Miss Martha Taylor, Miss Frances Wilson.

Exhibits: Mrs. Mona Coe, Chairman. Miss Sophie Arnold, Mr. Oswyn Brown. Mrs. Lois Cole, Miss Kathryn Carlin, Mrs. Beatrice Finkelor, Miss Frances Kern, Mrs. Madeline Paetro, Mrs. Hazel Wright.

Tour: Mrs. Mary Allston, Chairman. Mrs. Harriet Andrews, Mrs. Dorothy Aultman, Mrs. Ruth Bradley, Mrs. Mona Coe, Mrs. Norma Jean Berman, Mrs. Virginia Calloway, Mrs. Lois Cole, Mrs. Helen M. Gray, Mrs. Mabel Gee, Mrs. Laura Morgan, Mrs. Nella Huson, Mrs. Mary C. Mauldin, Mrs. Harriet M. Shaffert, Mrs. Pauline Styles Willis, Mr. Leon B. Weiner.

Publicity: Mrs. Evalene K. Angus, Mrs. Marion D. Bleier, Co-Chairmen. Mrs. Alice Stumpf, Mrs. Dorothy Sanford, Sara K. Srygley, Edwin Ashley.

NOTES ON AASL PROGRAM AT MIAMI

1. Joint Session: AASL is joining with DLCYP to sponsor a speaker at one of the general sessions. Jessamyn West has accepted the invitation and will appear as the main speaker.

2. Bindings Workshop: We are setting up a "workshop" (covering a four-hour morning session) to study the question of bindings. This is to be done by a committee with representatives from AASL, DLCYP and the book trades. The "workshop" will probably consist of exhibits, demonstrations of types of binding and stitching, etc., and a panel discussion of the relative merits of various bindings by school librarians, publishers, and manufacturers.

3. Materials Workshop: The second workshop, covering 1½ mornings, will be on THE LIBRARY AS AN INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTER under the chairmanship of Dr. Louis Shores and Miss Louise Galloway of the Library School, Florida State University. The workshop will emphasize teacher participation and will include exhibits, demonstrations, and discussions.

4. State Assembly: The Assembly is arranging a breakfast at which representatives of the several AASL districts will report on school library activities in all 48 states—and Canada. Plans are being made to tap the resources of all states and to present highlights of their programs in an interesting way to the Assembly.

5. Supervisors: There will be meetings and a breakfast or luncheon scheduled for city, county, and state supervisors.

NEWBERY - CALDECOTT AWARDS BANQUET

The 1956 Newbery-Caldecott Awards banquet will be held during the A.L.A. Conference at Miami Beach, Florida, on Tuesday, June 19, in the Pompeian Room of the Eden Roc Hotel. It will be the most exotic of all settings for this notable event which honors the winners of the Newbery and Caldecott awards.

The supper club floor plan of this unique dining spot promises something different in the way of seating arrangements. Assignments of seats will be made on a priority basis, but block purchases will not necessarily assure group seating.

The Banquet ticket is \$8.00 including tax and gratuity. Send check or money order to Mrs. May H. Edmonds, Miami Public Library, Miami Florida

An Apology

We regret the lateness of the January issue of SCHOOL LIBRARIES. It just couldn't be helped. Please note the following additions, or corrections:

In the Nominating Committee's Report, under Board of Directors, Region II, substitute for Helen Sattley, Elizabeth D. Hodges, Supervisor of Library Service, Baltimore County Board of Education, Towson 4, Maryland.

For Region V, substitute for Lyle Evans, Crystal McNally, Coordinator of Elementary School Libraries, Wichita Public Schools, Wichita, Kansas.

Among ALA Councilors, the name

A revised list of *Books to Help Build International Understanding*, by Nora Beust will be available in the early spring (Free). Also a new edition of *Study Abroad*. This is a report on UNESCO's third annual survey of foreign student enrollments and lists of more than 50,000 scholarships and fellowships offered to foreign students by over 100 countries and territories. Price, \$2.00.

is Sara Fenwick instead of Sara Senwich.

A correction on page 19; Staff: Mary K. Eakin, Librarian, Center for Children's Books instead of Frances Henne.

THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION

DILLA W. MacBEAN

President, American Association of School Librarians

The White House Conference on Education held in Washington November 28th through December 1st, was considered very successful and significant by the approximately 2000 delegates attending. They represented the 48 states and the three territories according to population and also representation from some 300 educational professional national organizations. The American Association of School Librarians was included in the latter group and it was the privilege of your president to attend as the representative.

It was evident from conversing with participants on Monday during registration, before the Monday evening program for the entire group, and sessions to brief chairmen for group discussions of topic I, that many felt political implications was the underlying factor for this historic event in Education. All realized that topic V, "How Can We Finance Our Schools, Build and Operate Them?" Would cause greatest concern as it involved Federal aid to education. Much of this political attitude was dispelled during the first General Session and certainly was true as groups of eleven met around 166 tables on Tuesday morning.

Only one third of the participants were professional educators while the others were lay people. However approximately all of the latter group had some experience with boards of education, teaching, educational legislation or represented social agencies interested in education. It was my impression that this two-thirds majority made an outstanding contribution to the conference and represented a resource educators have tended to neglect in working for better schools and programs. From the back ground of these several groups representing all walks of life, these participants were conversant with the educator and his

problems.

Undoubtedly, it was one of the best organized conferences that I have ever attended. Enthusiasm was the dominant note for a genuine support for a long-range and farreaching program of public education. The participants came well prepared from the many state White House Conferences on Education and discussed with intelligence and knowledge the problems presented for all six topics. The two hour sessions found the participants seated at their designated tables as determined through an IBM machine. They were prompt in attendance, discussed freely and worked diligently in formulating their reports. Chairmen elected by these groups for each topic presented the consensus report of their respective tables, or a majority and minority report if such was the case. These reports were pooled at two subsequent group meetings with summary reports of the deliberations at later sessions during the conference.

Several states were to hold post-White House Conferences on Education. One report has been distributed from Washington which includes the key-note speeches at the general sessions and the summary reports on the six topics or critical problems facing public education today. They were: (1) What should our schools accomplish? (2) In what ways can we organize our school systems more efficiently and economically? (3) What are our school building needs? (4) How can we get enough good teachers and keep them? (5) How can we finance our schools, build and operate them? (6) How can we obtain a continuing public interest in education?

In the final report for Topic III "What are our School Building

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SUMMARY OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS 1956 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

MARY HELEN MAHAR
Executive Secretary

The Board of Directors of the American Association of School Librarians held three meetings during the Midwinter Conference of the American Library Association, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, January 30-February 3, 1956. Copies of the Minutes of all AASL meetings at Midwinter are available to members upon request to the Headquarters office. The following is a summary of the Board of Directors meetings, and of Board action:

The Board of Directors, the members of the AASL special committee for the Implementation of the Management Survey, and the chairmen of the AASL Standards Committee met with two members of the ALA Council Steering Committee for the Implementation of the Management Survey, Miss Alice LeFevre, and Miss Helen Ridgway, and with Mr. States Mead, of the firm of Cresap, McCormick, and Paget, in order to discuss the relationship of the Steering Committee's recommendation to the American Association of School Librarians. The AASL Board of Directors also met with AASL Councilors to inform the Councillors on this discussion, and to consider further the recommendations of the Steering Committee. Report of these meetings will be made by the President, Mrs. Dilla W. MacBean.

The Board of Directors met with Miss Louise Galloway, chairman of the Publications Committee, for clarification of the duties of the Publications Committee. Miss Day, chairman of a committee of the Board to re-define the functions of this committee, presented the following report:

Publications Committee: The AASL Publications Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the ALA Editorial Committee in the field of

school libraries. Among its activities are:

1. Being alert to and aware of publication needs, and suggesting how they can be filled.

2. Recommending not only needed publications but revisions of existing publications.

3. Suggesting authors of manuscripts.

4. Acting as readers or suggesting readers for manuscripts—to evaluate them and to assist in determining their suitability for publication by ALA.

5. Recommending names of people to act in the capacity of consultant during the publishing process of any manuscript in the school library field.

6. Working with other AASL committees planning a publication.

After a committee of the Board had studied the advantages and disadvantages of combining all ALA periodicals, the consensus of the Board was that we need to retain our own publication, *School Libraries*, although the Board recognized the values of a unified publication.

The AASL Board voted that the President of AASL, Mrs. Dilla W. MacBean, be authorized to take steps to appoint, in cooperation with the Department of Audio-Visual Instruction, NEA, a committee, including membership from ACRL, to consider mutual interests in the Audio-Visual field.

A suggestion from the American Institute of Architects that a member of AASL write a description of school library programs for a publication of AIA, "School Plant Studies," was accepted by the Board, and Miss Sara Jaffarian agreed to write the material. The Board agreed that a special
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SUMMARY OF THE AASL BUSINESS MEETING 1956 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

The Business Meeting of the American Association of School Librarians was held in the Michigan Room of the Edgewater Beach Hotel on Thursday, February 2, at 2:30, with Mrs. Dilla W. MacBean, President, presiding. The minutes of the Business Meeting at Philadelphia were approved, and the report of the treasurer, Miss Myrtle Dunlap, on the year's budget and statement of current resources was also approved. The budget for 1955-56 is \$19,200.

Dr. C. Walter Stone, Chairman of the Audio-Visual Committee, reported on the work of the Committee in preparing a list of basic sources for the Basic Book Collection for High Schools, now in process of revision by the ALA Publishing Department. Dr. Stone read the *Proposed Statement of AASL's Philosophy of the School Library: An Instructional Materials Center*, as published in the October, 1955, *School Libraries*, for comment and criticism. In interpretation of the statement, Dr. Stone stated that the statement represents an aim or ideal, and not an arbitrary program; that the professionalization of the AV field is recognized in the production of materials and specialized fields such as TV, and that the statement is a recognition of the content value of A-V material to the librarian. Dr. Stone also stated that there is need for cooperation of all school personnel in working out programs, and that the response to the statement has implications beyond the school library—library education, for example. The statement has had the unanimous endorsement of the Indiana Library Association. Miss Helen Sattley made three points from the floor in relation to the statement:

1. The statement does not recognize the A-V specialist and his possibilities.

2. The librarian is a book specialist.

3. Both sides of such problems need to be presented in all ALA publications.

Miss Irene Hayner asked whether equipment is necessarily a function of the library, as indicated in the statement. Dr. Stone stated that comments would be taken into consideration by the Committee, and that the statement would be presented for action by the members at Miami Beach. The report of the Committee was accepted.

Miss Mary K. Eakin, Chairman of the Exhibits Committee, reported for the Committee. Since this committee is a new AASL Committee, the full report is included here as follows:

The Exhibits Committee was established at the AASL business meeting in July 1955. The function of the committee was stated as being: "To prepare a list of materials for AASL exhibits at educational meetings, and a selection of materials to be sent from the Headquarters Office, in order to insure the uniform quality of AASL exhibits."

Since time to gather materials and experience in selecting materials for each exhibit are both necessary before a committee such as this one can hope to function satisfactorily, it was decided this year to confine our activities to two major educational meetings: The American Association of School Administrators meeting in Atlantic City in February and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development at New York City in March.

Tentative lists of materials to be exhibited at these two meetings were compiled and circulated among the committee members. Copies were also submitted to the chairmen of the local committees for each of the two meetings.

On the basis of the recommendations from these persons, the final list of materials for the two exhibits will be compiled, and the materials themselves will be sent out from ALA Headquarters in time for the meetings.

The lists will consist of basic titles that will serve to illustrate to educators: teachers, principals and superintendents, the kinds of services that are available through the school library. The committee also hopes to be able to add to these basic titles some examples of good library-classroom cooperation, i.e., bibliographies that have been compiled by librarians, teachers and students working together on a specific classroom assignment, reports of similar instances of cooperation, or illustrative materials such as pictures, charts, posters, etc. that seem especially interesting and useful.

The committee would like to request all AASL members to be alert to such materials and send any that become available to Miss Mahar at Headquarters. It is not necessary to send more than one or two copies, since these materials are for examination rather than distribution. Any publicity that can be given to this request, through state or other local publications, will be greatly appreciated.

By way of clarification, I would like to add, that it is not intended that the Exhibits Committee should supplant local committees in setting up exhibits at the educational meetings or in serving as consultants at the AASL booth. The committee's function is, rather, to aid the local committee by making exhibit materials available with a minimum of effort and a maximum of results.

In the planning for future exhibits, the committee strongly recommends consideration of the possibility of taking the AASL exhibit out of the commercial exhibits area where it does not properly belong, since we are promot-

ing services rather than selling books, and providing space in the area devoted to consultative services of various kinds.

Mrs. MacBean reported for the Nominating Committee that its report would be included in the next issue of *School Libraries*, and that there would be no reports for the Elections or Elementary School Libraries Committees.

Miss Jean Lowrie, Chairman of the International Relations Committee, said that the blanket mailing of the CARE list to all AASL members had progressed to the point where they will soon be received by all school librarians. Miss Lowrie called to the attention of the members the lists of grants-in-aid published in *School Libraries*, and the copies of *Going Places* available from the Headquarters office. She requested that state associations active in building scholarship funds for an overseas librarian, or in sending an American school librarian overseas, send information of these plans to the International Relations Committee. Miss Pauline O'Melia, who with Mrs. Agnes Ruhl represented AASL at the Brussels Conference and served as ALA official delegates, made an interesting report on her experiences at the Conference. Miss O'Melia stated that we share common concerns with children's librarians of other countries, in status of librarianship, and problems in the acquisition of materials of children and young people.

The report of the Magazine Evaluation Committee was given by Miss Margaret Hayes, chairman. The Magazine Evaluation Committee has been engaged during the past six months in the revision of magazine lists for the Basic Book Collection series. Three sub-committees have been created to assist in this task—one for each of the three Basic Book Collection volumes. Each member of the Magazine Evaluation Committee is serving on one of the sub-commit-

tees; in addition, librarians from elementary, junior, and senior high schools have been appointed. The magazine list for the Basic Book Collection for Elementary Grades has been completed; the other two lists are in process and should be completed soon.

The Membership Committee report was presented by Miss Sara Jaffarian, outgoing chairman of the Committee. Miss Jaffarian reported membership as growing from 911 in 1943, to 3908 in 1956, and that at present we have 87 members from foreign countries. Miss Jaffarian presented the new chairman of the membership committee, Miss Mildred Nickel.

Mr. Raymond Erbes, chairman, reported on the activities of the Planning School Library Quarters Committee. The committee is cooperating with the ALA Building Committee in manning a booth at Miami, and at the suggestion of the ALA-NEA Joint Committee, it will cooperate with the work of the Yearbook of the American Association of School Administrators. Mr. Erbes requested that pictures, and plans from new or remodeled school libraries be sent to the Committee.

The report of the Professional Relations Committee was presented by Miss Nancy Burge, chairman. Since the report presents a long range program of the Committee, it is included here in full:

Your Professional Relations Committee met at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Tuesday, January 31, 1956. We proposed at this meeting to attempt to plan a long range program in keeping with the general objectives of our committee. The purposes of our committee are "to interpret the objectives, functions, and programs of school library service to other professional groups responsible for the education and welfare of children and young people; to seek opportunities for AASL and these other organizations to identify common interests,

areas of work and problems, and to develop ways of working at them together."

We propose to investigate the following areas to determine how we may best promote our professional relations:

I. National organizations

American Association of School Administrators; Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; Association for Childhood Education International; National Council of Teachers of English; National Council for the Social Studies; National Science Teachers Association; Department of Elementary School Principals; NEA; National Association of Secondary School Principals; American Personnel and Guidance Association, Inc.; Department of Classroom Teachers NEA (possibly); Secondary Education Board (Private schools); National Congress of Parents and Teachers (Although this is not a professional organization, we want to strengthen our relations in regard to interpretations of school library functions and services.)

Our Association has already established working relations with AASA and ASCD which we hope to continue. We have an entering wedge with the National Association of Secondary School Principals. During the coming year we hope to make a beginning with ACEI, NCTE, and NCSS, the last of which have already had school librarians on their programs.

II. Communicate with State Assembly members to encourage the same type of cooperation with these professional organizations on the state level.

III. Contact state chairmen of White House Conference to suggest a seventh area of study in follow-up conferences, "How to Get and Promote Adequate Materials."

IV. Promote the inclusion of articles interpreting the objectives, functions, and practices of school libraries in non-library periodicals.

V. Review books on education for treatment of school libraries.

The first three proposals will receive the immediate attention of the Professional Relations Committee. For the next year we will concentrate on the first two.

Miss Louise Galloway, Chairman of the Publications Committee, reported that the Committee had evaluated manuscripts of the ALA Publishing Department. Miss Galloway requested that members should indicate to the Committee needs in professional publications, in the school library field.

Miss Ruth Ersted, Co-chairman of the Standards Committee, stated that the Committee had added as members representatives from the American Institute of Architects, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the National Citizens Commission (now terminated). The Committee met in New York on January 21, and worked on content of the new publication of Standards for school libraries. Miss Ersted said that in the ensuing week, funds would be sought from a foundation, for the work of the Standards Committee.

Miss Geneva Travis, chairman of the Recruitment Committee, said that the Committee was working on the new brochure in recruitment for school libraries, and hoped to have it ready for distribution by the time of the Miami Conference. Miss Travis also reported that a list of materials in the Recruitment field would be provided for distribution at the AASA conference.

Mr. James Boula, chairman of the Statistics Committee, reported that the Committee had met with Miss Nora Beust, and that it is expected that the U. S. Office of Education statistics will be published within the next eight weeks. The Committee discussed with Miss Beust a basic form for school library statistics.

Mrs. Effie LaPlante, co-chairman of the Technical Processes Commit-

tee, reported on the Committee's study of cataloging and classification tools. A questionnaire has been sent to the Technical Processes Committee and other elementary librarians throughout the United States, and the results will be tabulated and reported to the H. W. Wilson Company and to the Forest Press. Mrs. LaPlante distributed copies of the questionnaire to the members present, and requested that they be filled out by elementary and junior high school librarians.

Dr. Lillian Batchelor, Vice-President, and chairman of the AASL program at Miami Beach, described the plans thus far completed. These plans are included in this issue of *School Libraries*. Miss Naomi Hokanson, chairman of the State Assembly, reported on the meeting of the State Assembly. A committee has been appointed to work on the organization of annual reports at the State Assembly Breakfast. The members of the State Assembly discussed AASL membership participation in state educational meetings.

Miss Nancy Jane Day, editor of the articles on *The School Library*; *A Materials Center* in the February *ALA BULLETIN*, announced the publication of the reprint of these articles as available February 15, free of charge, in single or multiple copies from the Headquarters office. Ten thousand copies were printed this year. Miss Day, as chairman of the Dutton Macrae Award Committee, described the terms of the Award.

Mrs. MacBean reviewed briefly our plans for participation in meetings of AASA and ACD, and reported on her representation of the American Association of School Librarians at the White House Conference. She referred the members to her full report to the ALA Council, which will be reported in the *ALA Bulletin* for March 1956. Mrs. MacBean also summarized the AASL Board action in relation to combining ALA periodicals, and the establishment of a committee with

the Department of Audio-Visual Instruction, NEA. (See summary of Board Meetings.)

The report of Miss Carolyn White-nack, as AASL representative on the ALA-NEA Joint Committee, and the report of Miss Nora Beust, as AASL representative to the tenth National Conference on Citizenship, were not presented because of lack of time. Their reports will be present at the ALA Miami Beach Conference.

Miss Elizabeth Williams, chairman of the AASL special committee for the Implementation of the Management Survey, discussed the purpose and work of the Committee in relation to the Steering Committee. Miss Williams' committee, at the request of the Steering Committee, prepared a tentative statement: *Fields of Interest of the American Association of School Librarians*, which was sub-

mitted to the Steering Committee. Miss Williams mentioned problems in relation to the report of the Steering Committee.

1. How membership can be spread over the various sources.

2. The budget for divisions was not clearly defined.

Miss Alice L. LeFevre, as a member of the Steering Committee, attended the AASL Business Meeting for a brief period, and answered questions relating to the following points: the governing body of each division; budget for associations and councils; subdivisions by type of library of councils; division of councils for children and young people into two groups; origin of projects in councils or divisions; audio-visual council. (See the report of Mrs. Dilla W. MacBean, President, of AASL discussions in relation to the Steering Committee.)

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In Miami, Villa Viscaya, the former home of James Deering now open to the public as the Dade County Art Museum, houses priceless art treasures. The Monastery, rebuilt from its original materials brought to this country by William Randolph Hearst some years ago, is also in Miami. The Public Library in Bayfront Park is a beautiful new building which, with its myriad services to the community, is a source of pride to all.

In Coral Gables, the Lowe Art Gallery at the University of Miami has many worthwhile exhibits. The other buildings on the University campus are interesting as well. By following the self-guided tour mapped out by the city fathers, one can see many of the beauty spots of this unusual city.

A few miles south of the city limits of Miami and Coral Gables are the Orchid Jungle, the Parrot Jungle, and the Rare Bird Farm, where, in addition to the featured attractions, one may see many varieties of lush tropical growth. In Fairchild Gardens, named for the famous naturalist, the visitor will also find many different kinds of rare and exotic trees, shrubs, and plants.

Across the Rickenbacker Causeway is Crandon Park with its large parking areas, public beaches, and cabanas. On the way there the visitor may stop at the newly completed Seaquarium and freshen up on his knowledge of ichthyology.

Other Dade County public parks are Greynolds Park, Matheson Ham-

mock, Hauover Beach Park, Redland Fruit and Spice Park, Homestead Bayfront Park, and Trial Glade Ranges.

Summer clothes—the new carefree cottons that shed soil and wrinkles are ideal—with a sweater or stole for those sensitive to air-conditioning—will be most practical. A light weight coat may not be amiss for the Sunday night boat ride or for a moonlight stroll on the beach.

Swim suits are a "must." Almost all of the hotels near the conference site are on the beach or have their own swimming pools, so all kinds of beach apparel can be put to good use.

June weather in Miami Beach may be rainy—one of those fickle off-again, on-again tropical showers do come up now and then. A light weight plastic raincoat that folds snugly into a small flat case will take up little room in a traveling bag and not be burdensome to carry about.

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AASL, has agreed, along with other Divisions, to cosponsor a post-conference tour of Cuba. For details of this trip write STEVENS TRAVEL SERVICE, 2507 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach 40, Florida.

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY 1956 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

The meeting of the State Assembly was held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, on Tuesday, January 31, 1956, at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Dilla W. MacBean President of AASL, presided until the election of the chairman. A roll call of states was made by the Executive Secretary. The following responded to the roll call: Alabama, Mrs. Jean Hoffman; California, Miss Elizabeth Williams; Connecticut, Miss Lynn Davis; Florida, Miss Emily A. Copeland; Georgia, Miss Virginia McJenkin; Illinois, Miss Viola James; Indiana, Miss George Moore; Kansas, Miss Beatrice Paddock; Kentucky, Mrs. Irene Gullette; Maryland, Miss Helen Perdue; Michigan, Miss Ruby J. Brown; Minnesota, Miss Naomi Hokanson; Mississippi, Miss Dorothy Cundiff; New York, Miss Helen Cashman; Rhode Island, Miss Katherine Gallivan; Tennessee, Miss Louise Meredith; Miss Lois Daniel; Texas, Miss Mattie Ruth Moore for Mrs. Effie Jewel Baggett; Washington, Mrs. Dora Leavitt Hay; Wisconsin, Mrs. June Smeck Smith; Canada, Miss Lyle Evans.

Mrs. MacBean addressed the members of the State Assembly and stated that the work of the State Assembly members was important in working with educational organizations, in building membership, and in keeping headquarters informed of activities in the states. She asked the members of the State Assembly to help carry out programs of AASL in the various

states, and to inform Miss Burge, chairman of the Professional Relations Committee, of meetings to be held in the states. Plans were made for an informal breakfast meeting at the Edgewater Beach Hotel on the following morning.

Miss Naomi Hokanson was named as chairman. Discussion followed on the presentation of reports at the State Assembly Breakfast in Miami. It was voted that a committee be appointed to work with the matter of annual reports from the states. The committee appointed was Miss Viola James, Dr. Lillian Batchelor and Miss Virginia McJenkin. It was voted that the committee study plans for reports and procedures for reporting at the State Assembly breakfast during the national meeting of ALA.

Announcements were made on the following: The Dutton Macrae Award, the Grolier Award, the workshop on materials at the University of Chicago this summer, the workshop on supervision to be held at the University of Illinois this summer.

State Assembly members asked for publications to help in recruiting membership, and for more information on AASL activities, in order to be able to make recommendations for the agenda of the State Assembly. There was a brief discussion of the report of the Steering Committee for the Implementation of the Management Survey.

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item in the Budget was needed for exhibits at meetings, and that the *School Library Bill of Rights* should be printed for framing. A committee of the Board recommended that a special committee on Student Library Assistants be established, and that the proposed committee be separate from AASL Committee on Recruitment.

The Board voted to approve the expenditure of \$50 for a booth at the meeting of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and \$50 for AASL memberships in educational organizations.

The President, Mrs. MacBean, requested Miss Day to submit suggestions for membership in the 1957 Nominating Committee.

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ASCD meeting, and to Miss Mary K. Eakin and her committee for working on exhibit materials at AASA, ASCD, and NASSP.

The Professional Relations Committee, under the chairmanship of Miss Nancy Burge, made some long term plans at Midwinter for working with other educational organizations, and they hope to work soon with organizations such as the National Council for the Social Studies, and the National Science Teachers Association. They would like to interest members of the State Assembly, and all ASSL members, in joining with educational meetings in the states. Our work with teachers, as well as administrators, is very necessary, in order that materials and methods of the school library become incorporated into educational practice. The development of the professional relations of AASL with educational and lay organizations needs the help of every member.

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Needs?" libraries were declared mandatory in secondary schools and desirable in elementary schools with many minority reports recommending that they be mandatory in the elementary schools also. In the report for Topic IV regarding teachers there was included, "It is further recommended that there be provision and more effective use of library, and teaching materials, including visual aids, sound films, and televisions." In Topic VI regarding continued interest in Education, it was recommended "Encourage cooperative relationship between the school and public libraries."

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